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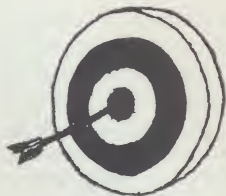
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ELECTION REPORT

The votes for the 1992 IICS
Officers were tallied on Thurs-
day November 7 by the Tellers
Committee. There were a total
of 240 ballots cast. The follow-
ing individuals were elected:

Bernie Mitchell, President
Debby Kalk, President Elect
Linda Olsen, Vice President
Tasha Kidd, Secretary
Michael Murphy, Treasurer

Congratulations to the new
Board, may they have a positive
year. IICS Officers term of
office begins January 1. Thank
you to everyone who so willingly
responded to the nomination
committee's call for nominees,
and those retiring officers who
have served so faithfully.

Thanks to the Georgia Chapter
for acting as the Nominations
Committee and the Oregon
Chapter for providing the Tellers
Committee.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE REVIEW

*Linda Olsen, Vice President &
Barbara Zediker, Membership Chair*

The following Chapters have
helped with the Chapter Assis-
tance Program: Atlanta GA, Wash-
ington DC, Chicago IL, Los Ange-
les CA, New York NY, Delaware
Valley/Philadelphia PA, San Diego
CA, and Dallas TX. All the people
we called were generous with their
time and are involved on their
Local Chapter's Board. It is impor-
tant to get people involved on the
Board.

The Society is comprised of a
group of volunteers, we all have
other jobs and yet people have
taken their time to get involved.
Being a Board Member, either
within your Local IICS Chapter or
on the International Board, is an
rewarding position and worth the
time commitment involved.

One of the suggestions that
came up in the Chapter Assistance
Program was to break up the
Board Members tasks (i.e. have
two people share putting together
programs or the newsletter).

Often people just have to be
asked to get involved and they will
be happy to volunteer. So let's
give that a try...if anyone would like
to help out on an International
Level, give me a call, Linda (404)
952-0064.

We have identified many short
and long term Society projects that
need a *helping hand*. Projects vary
and can either be done on an
individual basis or as part of a
team.

If you are not interested in the
broad scope of International activi-
ties at this time, I encourage you to
get involved on your Local Chapter
Board.

Another point brought up in the
Assistance Review, which is most
important. when a Board Member
leaves office, each individual
should be responsible for recom-
mending their replacement. New
blood is critical to the health of a
Chapter. Also, new Board Mem-
bers bring exciting new ideas and
goals to the Chapter and the
Society. After this article, we
know there will be many willing
candidates.

Linda Olsen

CONFERENCE WRAP UP

Virtual Reality Meckler Corporation San Francisco CA September 23-25

Developers, devotees and the 'just plain curious' flocked from across the country to attend the 1991 Virtual Reality Conference hosted by Dr. Sandra Helsel. The three day event summarized the progress made so far, established new directions and provided many their first taste of 'being there' in cyberspace.

The Keynote Address was given by *Jaron Lanier*, computer scientist, businessman, composer and founder of VPL Research Inc. Lanier created Swivel 3-D, spawned the Mattel Power Glove™ and is the leading builder of goggles, gloves and virtual worlds. He spoke about the current state of virtual reality research.

This long standing spokesman and symbol/figurehead of virtual reality, Lanier proclaimed that VR was well past the "first blush" of development. There are now "real researchers and real applications." With over 500 VR systems in the world, half of them are now in the hands of what he called end users rather than developers. He expects this number to double and then triple in the next few years.

For the first time Lanier (and others at the conference) put the brakes on the hype and slowed the bandwagon that he, until this year, had worked so hard to push. Lanier estimated it would take 50 years before VR, with photo-realistic worlds created in real time, would be cheap enough to be widely accessible.

The exhibit hall included walk-in big screen TVs that projected

the participants image among racks of musical instruments, 3D aquariums where you can observe but not touch and the much-touted goggle and glove worlds of the look and fly-around variety.

The conference, like VR itself, was a mix of ideas and applications that have certainly progressed since the early computer simulation ala the movie TRON. But as Howard Reingold asked, "After the excitement is over will it make people happy?" The test will be to find what makes VR different or better than the realism found in a good novel, or movie (or interactive video!).

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The Well (415) 332-4335 is the premier B-Board for VR enthusiasts, run by Howard Reingold *Virtual Reality Report*, Meckler Publications, a newsletter on VR (203) 226-6967.

Look for another Virtual Reality Conference April 6-8, 1992, New York City, Meckler (203) 226-6967.

For further information: Nicole Lazzaro (510) 658-8077.

Electronic Performance Support Systems (EPSS) Weingarten Publications Atlanta GA, October 22-24

The heart of the conference was in the concurrent case study presentations. Numerous companies showed their EPSS applications:

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